

## **4/8/2011 - WEEK IN REVIEW – FEDERAL COURT ACTIVITY** **United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana**

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### **Hammond, Indiana - The United States Attorney's Office announced:**

Juan Arteaga, 30, of Los Angeles, California, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 37 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Lamont J. Williams, 28, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count one of an indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Blades et al.* Sentencing has been set for 6/23/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Robert Evans, Jr., 41, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 120 months imprisonment and 8 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one through three of an indictment charging him with 2 counts of distribution of cocaine, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Melissa Sloop, 43, of Goshen, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging her with theft of government property (unemployment benefits). Sentencing has been set for 7/6/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Department of Labor-Office of the Inspector General. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

Myra Magana, 27, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 12 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count 32 of a superseding indictment charging with distribution of cocaine in the case *US v Lopez et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Jerome Smith, 58, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging him with theft of government property (unemployment benefits). These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Department of Labor-Office of the Inspector General. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

George Tedeschi, 52, of Cedar Lake, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count 13 of a superseding indictment charging him with use of a communication facility (telephone) to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely; possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, in the case *US v Lopez et al.* Sentencing has been set for 6/23/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Shawn Hopkins, 31, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 15 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Damon Lamont Jones, 40, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to count one of an indictment charging him with criminal infringement on copyrights. Sentencing has been set for 6/29/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Philip Benson.

Torrence Welch, 33, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to probation for a term of 2 years after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Deandre Burns, 29, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an Information charging him with use of a communication facility to distribute marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 6/21/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Hal Kaplan, 54, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 37 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with carrying away from trucks goods and chattels of a value in excess of \$1000, that is steel and aluminum, that constitute an interstate shipment of freight and express. Restitution was ordered in the amount of \$315,447.64, and a fine of \$7500. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Eric DuHack, 24, of Cedar Lake, Indiana, was charged in a two count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. DuHack has prior felony convictions for attempted robbery and robbery in 2008, and making false statements in connection with the acquisition of a firearm in 2006. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

Charles D. Montgomery, 37, of Merrillville, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with one count of distribution of 28 grams or more of crack cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Edward L. Daniels, 51, of Hammond, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with one count of possession with the intent to distribute heroin, one count of use of a firearm in relation to a narcotics offense, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Daniels was previously convicted of burglary (2 cases) in 1990, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon in 1990 and 1992, sexual battery in 1996, and aggravated unlawful use of a vehicle and armed habitual criminal in 2006. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Carlos Martinez, 27, of Hollywood, Florida, Carlos Javier Salas-Delgado, 34, of Hialeah, Florida, and Otiniel Nava Barragan, 45, of Chicago, Illinois, were charged in an indictment with one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute, and distribution of heroin. Nava-Barragan was also charged with one additional count of possession with the intent to distribute heroin. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Aaron Montoya-Gonzalez, 29, of Pasadena, Texas, Miguel Vellegas-Marin, 51, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Adminadab Martinez-Saenzpardo, 29, of Canby, Indiana, were charged in an indictment with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute, and distribution of marijuana. These charges were filed as the result of an

investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

David Richardson Beach, 23, of Lafayette, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with one count of distribution of child pornography, and one count of possession of child pornography. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kokomo Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Trumbull-Harris.

Andre Lee McQuay, Jr., 23, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. McQuay has prior convictions for criminal recklessness in 2008, and carrying a handgun without a license. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force, and the Gary Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

**South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced:**

Zachary Martin, 32, of Plymouth, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Sentencing has been set for 7/12/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Michael Joe Love, 47, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of ammunition and being and armed career criminal. Love has multiple prior felony convictions. Sentencing has been set for 7/7/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Indiana State Police. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Stanely Applewhite, 32, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 12 months and one day imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with manufacture of marijuana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

David Marquez, 22, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to count one of an indictment charging him with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm and ammunition. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.